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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09473.0002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Tamotsu SAKURABA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2625
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Application No.: 10/802,858)
) Examiner: McLean, Neil R.
Filed: March 18, 2004)
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For: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE,) Confirmation No.: 7724
IMAGE FORMING METHOD,)
DOCUMENT MANAGING)
SYSTEM, DOCUMENT)
MANAGING METHOD, IMAGE)
FORMING PROGRAM, AND)
COMPUTER READABLE)
RECORDING MEDIUM IN WHICH)
THE IMAGE FORMING)
PROGRAM IS RECORDED)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement mailed December 31, 2007, the Examiner required
restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following species:

Species I, allegedly represented on page 2, line 22 - page 3, line 6 of the
specification;

Species II, allegedly represented on page 3, lines 7-20 of the specification;

Species III, allegedly represented on page 4, line 2 - page 5, line 18 of the
specification;

Species IV, allegedly represented on page 5, line 19 - page 6, line 7 of the specification;

Species V, allegedly represented on page 6, line 8 - page 7, line 23 of the specification; and

Species VI, allegedly represented on page 7, line 24 - page 8, line 13 of the specification.

Applicants elect to prosecute Species II. Claims 1-15 read on Species II. In a telephone conversation with the Examiner on January 24, 2008, the Examiner told Applicants' representative that he would examine claims 20, 22, and 23 if Applicants elected claims 1-15. Therefore, Applicants request that the Examiner examine claims 20, 22, and 23 in addition to claims 1-15.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 30, 2008

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